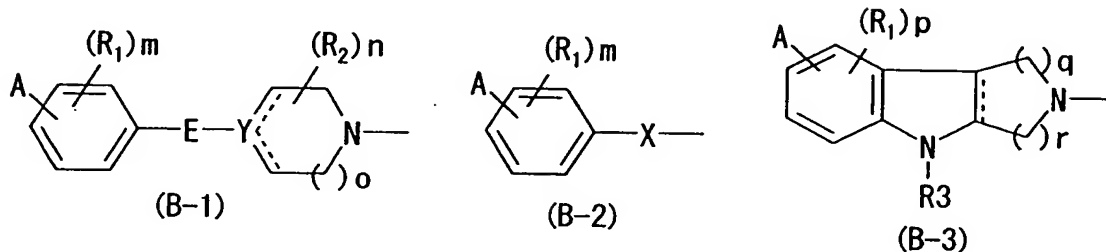


ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to compounds represented by the formula (1):

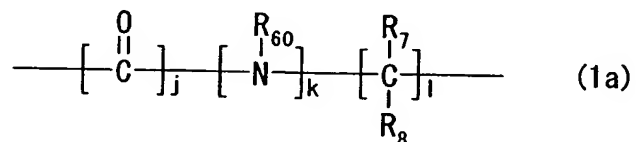
B-D-Z (1)

[wherein B represent the following formula (B-1), (B-2) or (B-3);



A represents an optionally substituted imidazole or pyrazole group;

E represents the following formula (1a):



X represents an oxygen atom, the formula: SOu, or the formula: N-R₉;

Y represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom;

D represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or the formula (1a);

Z represents (a chroman-2-yl group, a chroman-4-yl group, a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl group, a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-

yl group, etc.) which is substituted with NHR_{10} or OR_{11}] or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and to antioxidants, therapeutic agents for kidney diseases or cerebrovascular disorder, and retinal oxidative damage inhibitors, which include the compounds as the active ingredient.